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Senator Rick Scott Visited the Scene of the Surfside Collapse

The senator expressed his appreciation to Hatzalah South Florida, MDA and the IDF teams for the work in the community and for helping to save the lives of those trapped in the rubble.

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At this time, too, Miami medical teams and volunteers at the MDA International Unit, continue to operate in the disaster area in Miami. Among their responsibilities are medically securing the forces operating in the area, preparing to provide care if survivors are found and providing assistance and accompanying the families of those missing along with other local rescue and medical teams.



even in the most difficult moments.”

South Florida Paramedic, and member of MDA’s International Unit, Michael Strongin of Florida who lives near the scene of the disaster and was one of the first to arrive at the scene, added: “We arrived at the scene of the disaster early in the morning and immediately began treating both the injured and the

The doctors, EMTs and paramedics of the South Florida Hatzalah, many of whom volunteer with the Magen David Adom International Unit, were among the first at the disaster scene of the building collapse in Miami and provided life-saving medical care, alongside rescue operations to the injured.

Andre Roitman, a medic with South Florida Hatzalah and a volunteer in the MDA International Unit in Miami: “Only when we reached the area were we able to understand the magnitude of the disaster and immediately began assisting, treating and locating missing and injured in the area, along with the fire department. The forces worked in the field around the clock with great effort. Everyone expected good news and when they did not come, the feeling was very hard and painful. Even now we continue to assist the injured and continuously accompany the families of the missing. We always have hope of locating missing persons alive and that holds us together,

families of the missing. We established a special command post that provides assistance to the community in the field and treated dozens of injured in the first hours. I have no doubt that the training courses for disaster situations and the drills we have done together with MDA teams over the years in Israel have helped us greatly in preparing for an emergency. It is thanks to them the assistance we provide in Miami is professional and efficient.”

MDA paramedic Uriel Goldberg, who arrived from Israel to Miami on Friday, joined the rescue teams there: “I came to Miami to connect the community and families to the forces at the scene and in Israel and help in any way possible, during the crisis. The rescue in the area is very complex, half a building collapsed and the other half could collapse at any moment. It is difficult to reach the trapped and the rescue teams are making every effort to save as many lives as possible. The teams work around the clock with great commitment, while being careful in a complex and dangerous scene and in very complex field conditions.”

The MDA International Unit was established in 2007, and currently has hundreds of doctors, paramedics and medics from various countries around the world, who came to Israel and trained in Magen David Adom, including dealing with an earthquake, treatment at a destruction site, war and more, so that in an emergency they will return to Israel and assist MDA forces.



Delegation of Influencers from the United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Bahrain Visit MDA's Jerusalem Station

On Thursday June 17, nine social media influencers from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Morocco and Bahrain visited MDA's Jerusalem station as part of their visit in Israel. The visit was accompanied by President of Magen David Adom in United Kingdom (MDA UK) Russel Jacobs, MDA UK Chief Executive Daniel Burger and MDA management.

During the visit the influencers met MDA employees and volunteers of all ages and religious backgrounds, saw MDA's state of the art simulation center where the teams train and learned about the advanced technologies in use at MDA including the "MyMDA" cellular application and automatic location, simultaneous translated online chat, the ability to send photos and videos from the scene and much more. The visit was coordinated with Israelsi, an organization which works to improve Israel's image in the world by connecting Israeli young adults with young adults from around the world, Together for Israel and the Strategic and Policy Planning Department.

Youssef Mohammed, who participated in the visit: "As the first Bahraini visitor to Magen David Adom, this was an unforgettable experience. I saw Jews and Arabs working side by side on ambulances, in the training and simulation center and in the Emergency Call Center. I was shocked that the response times are 3-5 minutes and I know this is all thanks to MDA volunteers around Israel and in the name of saving lives. The technologies in use in MDA's 101 Emergency Call Center combined with the "MyMDA" application and other technologies are in use only in Israel. They save lives and I strongly believe they should be in use around the world."

MDA UK Chief Executive, Daniel Burger: "It is amazing that less than a year after the Abraham Accords, Magen David Adom and MDA UK hosted a delegation from the UAE, Bahrain and Morocco in MDA's Jerusalem station. With all of the differences, there is one goal which is the essence of humanity. We look forward to a long friendship."

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MDA Director General, Eli Bin: “The visit by this delegation symbolizes the warm relations between the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Israel. Magen David Adom, Israel’s National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization is

a wealth of information in the fields of first aid, emergency technologies and emergency medicine. I am proud of this visit at MDA’s Jerusalem station and thank all who assisted in making this possible.”





An MDA Lottery Booth Defibrillator Saves the Life of a 40-Year-Old Man in the Carmel Market

Last week, a man collapsed in the Carmel Market in Tel Aviv. MDA's 101 emergency call center was immediately contacted and began the process of saving his life with the help of an emergency defibrillator stored on the side of a Mifal HaPais lottery booth.

After emergency call center EMT, Yuval Kadishi, realized that the man had gone into cardiac arrest, she identified (on MDA Command and Control System) a nearby MDA public domain defibrillator placed on a lottery booth, held for dire situations such as this one. Kadishi remotely unlocked the defibrillator box and instructed the caller to retrieve the AED and bring it to the patient's location. While the caller did so, Kadishi launched nearby MDA first responders and a Mobile Intensive Care Unit. She remained on the line and MDA EMT Zeev Fishman who had been shopping in the market arrived at the scene.

After the resuscitation, Fishman said: "While shopping with my wife and child at the market, I got a call on MDA's first responders app about

a man who collapsed nearby. I immediately ran to the scene, they signaled me to get to one of the stalls where a 43-year-old man was lying unconscious with no pulse and not breathing. With the help of the people who were there, and within 2 minutes, they brought me the MDA public domain defibrillator that had been installed recently, with the help of the Mifal HaPais Lottery, on their booth, on a nearby street. I connected the AED to the patient, it gave several electric shocks and immediately afterwards his heart began to beat again. The man woke up and wondered what was going on around him and asked to remove the oxygen mask from his face. MDA's MICU team continued with medical treatment and evacuated the patient to the ICCU in Ichilov Hospital in stable condition."

"Once again, it has been proven how important the defibrillator devices connected to the MDA hotline are accessible to anyone in the public space. There is no doubt that the availability of the device significantly helped save the life of the man who collapsed," said EMT Yuval Kadishi.



Three MDA Volunteers from the National Civil Service Received a Medal of Excellence

The award ceremony for outstanding national-civil service took place about two weeks ago at the Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem in the presence of the Director General of the National Civil Service Authority, Mr. Reuven Pinsky, and the directors of the National Service Associations. Among the 27 outstanding volunteers who received a certificate of appreciation for their significant contribution and volunteerism for the benefit of society and the state were three MDA volunteers.

Roy Ben Itach, a 21-year-old resident of Eilat, from the Magen David Adom station in Tel Aviv. Roy began his volunteering at MDA as a youth volunteer at the age of 15 and after a long and advanced course that he successfully completed, he now serves as a paramedic in MICU in Gush Dan and also at the MDA station in Eilat when he returns for vacations at home. Roy performs his job with great demeanor and professionalism, manages the teams in the best possible way and creates a relaxed atmosphere that is very important for the patient. Among other things, he took an active part in the efforts to eradicate the Corona epidemic by vaccinating and sampling at the "Drive and Test" complexes.

Anael Vaknin - A 20-year-old resident of Netanya, who immigrated to Israel alone from France about two and a half years ago, despite the language difficulties, managed to integrate and

serve exceptionally as an EMT in ambulances and even leveraged the language by helping many French residents. During the Corona period, she was active in the testing and vaccination complexes. Volunteers with great dedication and works beyond what is required.

Nissim Vaknin - 22-year-old resident of Yavneh, from MDA station in Ashdod and serves as an ambulance driver and an EMT. Nissim performs many tasks beyond his job, is exceptionally dedicated and even took part in the vaccination campaign during the Corona pandemic. In the disaster in Meron he took an active part in the treatment of the injured when he reached the mountain as early as noon in order to assist in medically securing the event and he was also among the first to treat the many seriously injured. He is an example and role model for dedication and commitment to saving human lives.

MDA Director General Eli Bin congratulated the outstanding volunteers: "MDA's capabilities are based in large part on the human resources that make it up and on thousands of volunteers, who in my eyes represent all the good that Israelis have - the willingness to sacrifice for the other and help save lives. I am proud to congratulate the dear volunteers for their excellence, knowing that behind them there are many more who can be proud of their volunteering."